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Public Works

October 2, 1954

Sylvania Defense Laboratory  
P. O. Box 255  
Mountain View, California

Attention: Mr. William James

Dear Mr. James:

Our Sewer Foreman has brought to my attention that a lateral connection has recently been made from one of your buildings to a manhole on the 10" sanitary sewer main that runs along an easement through the Sylvania property. The connection in question was made at a manhole located approximately 600 feet west of Mountain View-Alviso Road.

This particular connection is quite unacceptable due to the fact that the lateral enters the manhole at an elevation considerably higher than the bottom or flow line of the main sewer. This causes the solids to separate from the liquids as they drop. As a result the solids tend to stick to the bottom "platform" of the manhole causing a most unsanitary situation. In addition, this type of connection makes it difficult, for obvious reasons, for men to work in the manhole.

We have no record of any permit having been issued for this connection. As you may be aware, it is mandatory that a permit be secured from the Public Works Department prior to connection to City mains. This action provides for inspection and preclude any improper connections such as the above.

Please initiate the necessary action for reconstructing the lateral properly at the earliest date.

Sylvania Defense Laboratory  
Attn: Mr. William Jones

October 5, 1944

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If you have any question concerning this matter, please feel  
free to call upon me at your earliest convenience. Thank you  
for your cooperation.

Very truly yours,

WILLIAM L. HARRISON  
Assistant Director of Public Works

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City Attorney  
Director of Public Works  
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